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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA PRIORITY

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EXDIS, FOR STULL FROM HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PDIP, RP

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR ROMULO

1. PLEASE TELL ROMULO, EITHER DIRECTLY OR VIA AMBASSADOR MABILANGAN, THAT I VERY MUCH REGRET THE CONCERN CAUSED HIM BY THE LEAK OF AMBASSADOR NEWSOM'S APPOINTMENT AND BY THE STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN.

2. WE ARE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE RAPID REPLY GIVEN BY ROMULO AND PRESIDENT MARCOS TO THE AGREEMENT REQUEST. WE SEE THIS AS RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING CALIBER OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S NEW REPRESENTATIVE AND AS EVIDENCE THAT THE GOP SHARES OUR DESIRE TO ENTER INTO A SERIOUS DIALOGUE ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN AS TO WHERE THE LEAK ORIGINATED BUT ASSUME IT WAS WASHINGTON. THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER SUCH LEAKS IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE (MOST OF THEM OUTSIDE STATE) INVOLVED IN THE UNUSUALLY EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND

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INVESTIGATION WHICH HAS BEEN INSTITUTED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS.

3. CONCERNING THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S REFERENCE ONLY TO MY MEETING WITH MARCOS, PLEASE TELL ROMULO THAT WE REGRET ANY BREACH OF PROTOCOL IN THE MANNER IN WHICH

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT WAS HANDLED BY THE AMERICAN PRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN. THE MEDIA IN MANILA HAD EMPHASIZED THE DIRECT INTEREST OF PRESIDENT MARCOS IN THE BASE ISSUES AND MY VISIT TO MANILA TO DISCUSS THEM AND THE U.S. MEDIA NATURALLY PICKED UP THAT LINE. ASSURE ROMULO THAT I AM EAGER TO TALK WITH HIM IN MANILA AND THAT THE SECRETARY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING HIM IN NEW YORK. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HIM AND MARCOS TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE USG AS WELL AS THE GOP.

4. IF THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A BRIEF INFORMAL ARRIVAL STATEMENT I SHALL SAY SOMETHING ABOUT MEETING ROMULO. HOWEVER, I WISH TO AVOID THE PRESS, IN KEEPING WITH OUR MUTUAL AGREEMENT TO ESCHEW PUBLIC COMMENTS. THEREFORE, I PLAN NO FORMAL ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE STATEMENT OR PRESS CONFERENCE. PLEASE CONVEY THIS, ALSO, TO ROMULO. VANCE

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